

a tunnel diode formed at least partially in the monocrystalline compound semiconductor layer,

wherein the tunnel diode comprises an intraband tunnel diode,

wherein the tunnel diode comprises a quantum well layer sandwiched between first and second tunnel barrier layers and the first and second tunnel barrier layers are sandwiched between an injection layer and a collection layer,

wherein the quantum well layer comprises GaAs and the first and second tunnel barrier layers comprise a material selected from AlGaAs and AlAs

said device further comprising a monocrystalline buffer layer interposed between the oxide layer and the monocrystalline compound semiconductor layer, and

wherein the oxide layer comprises an alkali earth metal titanate and the buffer layer comprises a material selected from the group consisting of GaAs and AlGaAs.

68. The semiconductor device of claim 67 wherein the quantum well layer and the first and second tunnel barrier layers are not intentionally doped.

69. The semiconductor device of claim 67 wherein the injection layer and the collection layer each comprise GaAs.

70. The semiconductor device of claim 69 wherein the injection layer and the collection layer are each impurity doped.

71. The semiconductor device of claim 70 further comprising first and second contact layers contacting the injection layer and the collection layer, respectively, the first and second contact layers comprising monocrystalline GaAs more heavily impurity doped than the injection layer and the collection layer.

72. The semiconductor device of claim 67 wherein the oxide layer comprises $\text{Ba}_x\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{TiO}_3$ where x ranges from 0 to 1.

73. A semiconductor device comprising:

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a monocrystalline semiconductor substrate;

an oxide layer formed overlying the substrate;

a monocrystalline compound semiconductor layer formed overlying the oxide layer;

and

a tunnel diode formed at least partially in the monocrystalline compound semiconductor layer,

wherein the tunnel diode comprises an intraband tunnel diode,

wherein the tunnel diode comprises a quantum well layer sandwiched between first and second tunnel barrier layers and the first and second tunnel barrier layers are sandwiched between an injection layer and a collection layer,

wherein the quantum well layer comprises GaAs and the first and second tunnel barrier layers comprise a material selected from AlGaAs and AlAs, and

wherein the oxide layer comprises $\text{Ba}_x\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{TiO}_3$ where x ranges from 0 to 1.

74. The semiconductor device of claim 73 wherein the substrate comprises silicon.

75. The semiconductor device of claim 74 further comprising a digital circuit formed at least partially within the substrate and coupled to the tunnel diode.

76. The semiconductor device of claim 67 wherein the quantum well layer comprises InGaAs and the first and second tunnel barrier layers comprise AlAs.

77. The semiconductor device of claim 76 wherein the injection layer and the collection layer each comprise InGaAs.

78. The semiconductor device of claim 77 further comprising first and second contact layers contacting the injection layer and the collection layer, respectively, the first and second contact layers comprising heavily impurity doped monocrystalline InGaAs.

79. The semiconductor device of claim 77 further comprising a monocrystalline buffer layer between the oxide layer and the monocrystalline compound semiconductor layer.

80. The semiconductor device of claim 79 wherein the buffer layer comprises a material selected from the group consisting of InP and InAlAs.

81. A semiconductor device comprising:

a monocrystalline semiconductor substrate;

an oxide layer formed overlying the substrate;

a monocrystalline compound semiconductor layer formed overlying the oxide layer;

and

a tunnel diode formed at least partially in the monocrystalline compound semiconductor layer,

wherein the tunnel diode comprises an intraband tunnel diode,

wherein the tunnel diode comprises a quantum well layer sandwiched between first and second tunnel barrier layers and the first and second tunnel barrier layers are sandwiched between an injection layer and a collection layer,

wherein the quantum well layer comprises InGaAs and the first and second tunnel barrier layers comprise AlAs,

wherein the injection layer and the collection layer each comprise InGaAs,

said device further comprising a monocrystalline buffer layer between the oxide layer and the monocrystalline compound semiconductor layer,

wherein the buffer layer comprises a material selected from the group consisting of InP and InAlAs, and

wherein the oxide layer comprises an oxide selected from the group consisting of alkali earth metal zirconates and alkali earth metal hafnates.

82. The semiconductor device of claim 67 wherein the oxide layer comprises an amorphous oxide layer.

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83. The semiconductor device of claim 82 wherein the oxide layer comprises an amorphous oxide formed epitaxially as a monocrystalline oxide layer and subsequently heat treated to convert the monocrystalline oxide to an amorphous oxide.

84. The semiconductor device of claim 73 wherein the oxide layer comprises an amorphous oxide layer. B5T0

85. The semiconductor device of claim 84 wherein the oxide layer comprises an amorphous oxide formed epitaxially as a monocrystalline oxide layer and subsequently heat treated to convert the monocrystalline oxide to an amorphous oxide.

a' 86. The semiconductor device of claim 83 wherein the oxide layer comprises an amorphous oxide layer.

87. The semiconductor device of claim 86 wherein the oxide layer comprises an amorphous oxide formed epitaxially as a monocrystalline oxide layer and subsequently heat treated to convert the monocrystalline oxide to an amorphous oxide.

88. A semiconductor device comprising:

a monocrystalline semiconductor substrate;

an oxide layer formed overlying the substrate;

a monocrystalline compound semiconductor layer formed overlying the oxide layer;

and

a tunnel diode formed at least partially in the monocrystalline compound semiconductor layer,

wherein the tunnel diode comprises an interband tunnel diode,

wherein the tunnel diode comprises first and second quantum well layers spaced apart by a barrier layer and the first and second quantum well layers are sandwiched between first and second carrier supply layers,

wherein the quantum well layers comprise InGaAs and the barrier layer comprises InAlAs,

wherein the first carrier supply layers comprise a layer of n-doped InGaAs and a layer of n-doped InAlAs with the layer of n-doped InAlAs in contact with the first quantum well layer and the second carrier supply layers comprise a layer of p-doped InGaAs and a layer of p-doped InAlAs with the layer of p-doped InAlAs in contact with the second quantum well layer,

said device further comprising a buffer layer comprising a material selected from the group consisting of InP and InAlAs interposed between the oxide layer and the monocrystalline compound semiconductor layer.

89. The semiconductor device of claim 88 wherein the quantum well layers and the barrier layer are not intentionally doped.

90. The semiconductor device of claim 88 wherein the oxide layer comprises an oxide selected from the group consisting of alkali earth metal zirconates and alkali earth metal hafnates.

91. The semiconductor device of claim 88 wherein the quantum well layers comprise InGaAs and the barrier layer comprises GaAs.

92. The semiconductor device of claim 88 wherein the first carrier supply layer comprises n-doped GaAs and the second carrier supply layer comprises p-doped GaAs.

93. A semiconductor device comprising:

a monocrystalline semiconductor substrate;

an oxide layer formed overlying the substrate;

100. The semiconductor device of claim 99 further comprising an amorphous silicon oxide formed underlying the oxide layer.

101. The semiconductor device of claim 83 wherein the oxide layer comprises an amorphous oxide formed by heat treating a monocrystalline oxide layer.

102. The semiconductor device of claim 88 wherein the substrate comprises silicon.

103. The semiconductor device of claim 102 further comprising an amorphous silicon oxide formed underlying the oxide layer.

a 104. The semiconductor device of claim 88 wherein the oxide layer comprises an amorphous oxide formed by heat treating a monocrystalline oxide layer.

105. The semiconductor device of claim 93 wherein the substrate comprises silicon.

106. The semiconductor device of claim 105 further comprising an amorphous silicon oxide formed underlying the oxide layer.

107. The semiconductor device of claim 93 wherein the oxide layer comprises an amorphous oxide formed by heat treating a monocrystalline oxide layer.

108. The semiconductor device of claim 73 wherein the substrate comprises silicon.

109. The semiconductor device of claim 108 further comprising an amorphous silicon oxide formed underlying the oxide layer.

110. The semiconductor device of claim 73 wherein the oxide layer comprises an amorphous oxide formed by heat treating a monocrystalline oxide layer.--



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